

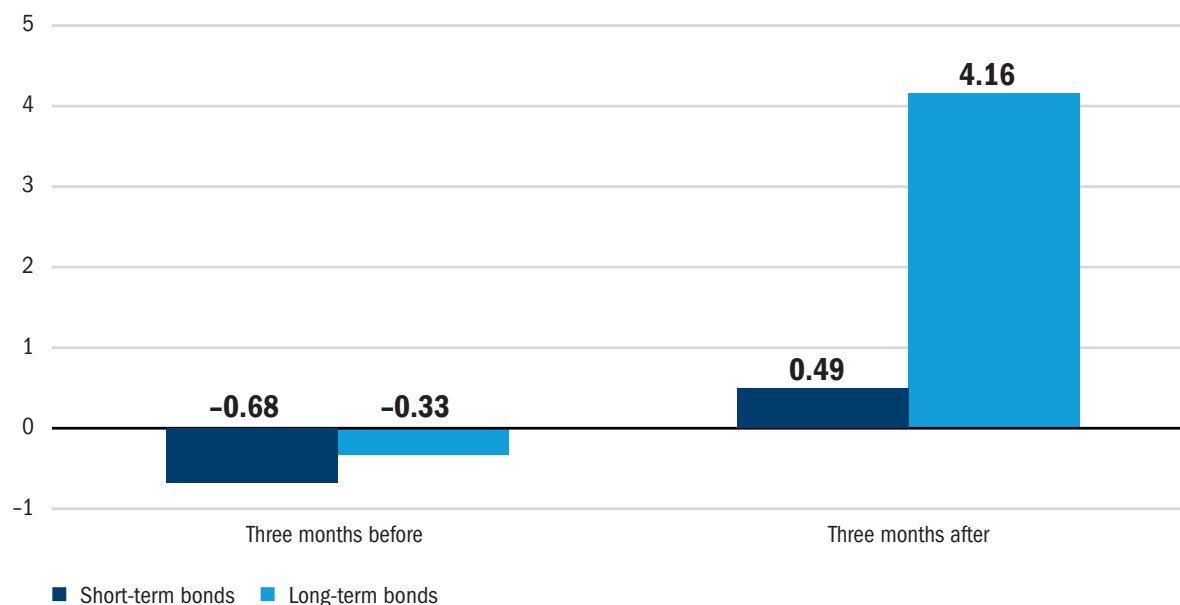
# Chart on the Go

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## ▶ The end of a hiking cycle can mean a quick reversal in underperformance for longer duration bonds

Price return (%)



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Historically, bond underperformance reverses around the end of a hiking cycle. The gains are significantly more meaningful for longer duration bonds. Because the market response generally happens very quickly, it's difficult for investors to time this transition.

Rather than trying to time the market, fixed-income investors should consider how longer duration bonds can support their income needs now — and their total return goals going forward.

**Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

Short-term bonds are represented by two-year U.S. Treasury notes. Long-term bonds are represented by the 30-year U.S. Treasury bonds. Performance calculated using month-end returns for the three months before and after the Fed reaches the peak of its hiking cycle. January 1, 1981–August 31, 2022. Source: Bloomberg.

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